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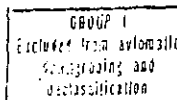
SUBJECT: TDY to London and Germany for HEINE v. RAUS Case

1. This memorandum is to record briefly contacts made and work accomplished during the course of my TDY to London and Germany from 28 August to 10 September 1966 in connection with the HEINE v. RAUS case. Separate memoranda are being written to cover the several contacts and debriefings of individuals for information on HEINE.

2. The purpose of the London stop was primarily to meet with [] who is the senior SMOTH [] assigned for liaison with CIA on this case. On 29 August I met briefly with [] Case Officer [] in order to consolidate plans for our scheduled discussion with [] on the following day. On 30 August, [] and I met [] at the "Belfry Club" for lunch. Over drinks we traded greetings from various old friends including [] and others. With respect to HEINE, [] repeated to me what he had already stated to [] that he considered the timing of HEINE's approach to the AIS in November 1956 as very significant. Describing in general terms the SMOTH REDSOX-type operations into the Baltic States, [] said that by 1956 he was fully convinced that all of the Baltic operations had been controlled by the RIS from the very start.. This came home to him particularly in the case of Boris Melk who had been dispatched to England ostensibly as a courier from the Estonian Forest Brothers, but was broken by [] and [] doubled and sent back. He thinks that by mid-1956 the Soviets were aware that their game with the British and probably with the Swedes was finished, and that HEINE may have represented an RIS effort to entrap the AIS for some further play.

3. With respect to Rebane, [] was not too hopeful about him being able to help us with any concrete material, but he was completely willing to give me a letter of introduction in order to open the way for any detailed discussion which we might want to have touching upon []

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4. He asked me whether there was any chance that the [] I assured him that this would be excluded. I told him that what we were interested in now was further collection of all significant CI material to give further weight to our already well-documented conclusions concerning HEINE. We had a lot of material of our own which could not be surfaced in any open court hearing and I expected that material which we might get from Rebane would probably be in the same category. In the very unlikely eventuality that some particular point might prove to be of crucial value in the court case we would, of course, consult with [] prior to any thought of using it. In any event he could rest assured that whatever Rebane might give us would be for our internal use alone.

5. After lunch we adjourned to [] in the Embassy and [] proceeded to dictate a letter of introduction to Rebane for me in the name of []. He addressed Rebane []

[] and signed it as []. A copy of his letter will be attached to the full debriefing report on Rebane.

6. On 1 September I visited Munich Ops Base [] I briefed COB, [] on my plans with respect to Rebane and he assigned Case Officer [] to provide support with respect to safe house, etc. That afternoon I journeyed to Augsburg to meet Rebane and set up debriefing sessions in the MOR safe house on 2 and 3 September. Career agent [] joined me for the two debriefing sessions. On Sunday, 4 September, I met with [] to go over our notes and on 5 September [] and I journeyed to Augsburg for a final session with the Colonel. A full report of the results of these meetings is attached.

7. On 6 September [] and I journeyed to Heidelberg and established contact with [] a former Estonian agent of Frankfurt Ops Base. A separate report covers this meeting. On 7 September [] returned to Munich for onward travel to Washington while I went on by rail to Bonn.

8. In Bonn I briefed [] on this case and on the following day spent a couple of hours with [] told me that when we had originally asked for certain documentary support from CAVATA in mid-1965, the memorandum of transmittal

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to CAVATA had not assigned any over-riding priority or urgency for this case and that the result had been a rather sloppy job on the part of CAVATA. He would now take the matter up at a high level in CAVATA and get them to assign a very competent officer to give us vigorous and prompt support in whatever investigation we desired. I went over with him in detail the material we wanted the Germans to cover for us, primarily document searches and comments on those elements of HEINE's biography connected with his service in the German Army, in the Estonian Political Police under the SD, etc. I told him that a dispatch outlining in detail our requirements was currently in preparation and that he would have it within a few days.

9. On 8 September I visited [] in Cologne and spoke to [] and others. At [] request I had a dinner meeting with career agent [] and had a long discussion concerning his future with the Agency, etc.

10. On 9 September I flew to Hamburg for a meeting with [] We spent the entire afternoon going over the HEINE biography and a separate report will cover the rather meager results of this discussion. [] did supply a few leads for possible follow-up. Returned to Washington via London on 10 September.

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